

ESTONIA

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Jul 92	Decision of the Government of the Estonian Republic No. 202		Foreign warships and research ships must give 48 hours notice and nuclear powered ships must give 30 days notice prior to transiting the territorial sea. This requirement is not recognized by the U.S.
	Mar 93	Decision No. 62 Law on Maritime Borders	12nm	Nuclear-powered ships must apply for permission 30 days in advance to enter territorial sea. This requirement is not recognized by the U.S.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Mar 93	Decision No. 62		Geographic coordinates given for straight baselines.
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Mar 93	Decision No. 62		EEZ
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jul 96	Agreement		Maritime delimitation agreement with Latvia signed (Gulf of Riga, Strait of Irbe, and the Baltic Sea).

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

A. LEGISLATION. The following is an extract from the Estonian law on the boundaries of the maritime tract, passed 10 March 1993:

ARTICLE 1

In the present law, the maritime tract shall be determined to be part of the sea which is bordered by the mainland and falls under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Estonia.

ARTICLE 2

The basis of the determination of the maritime tract shall be the provisions of the Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone, 1958, concluded in Geneva and United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, 1982.

ARTICLE 3

The normal baseline of territorial sea is an imaginary line which at low tide joins the points farthest from the shoreline of the mainland, islands, islets, rocks and single boulders. The coordinates of the normal baseline of the territorial sea are established in appendix 1.

APPENDIX 1

Point No.	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Chart No.	Remarks
1	59°34,17	28°05,87	25013 23002 22000	Border between the Republic of Estonia and the Russian Federation at the shore of the Bay of Narva in accordance with the Estonian-Russian Peace Treaty
2	59°25,70	27°32,20	23002 22000	The western jetty of Puhajogi
3	59°25,70	27°13,50	23002 22000 22001	The shoreline near Saka

Point No.	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Chart No.	Remarks
4	59°31,26	26°45,27	25014 23002 22000 22001	Rock east of Mahu beacon
5	59°49,35	26°21,85	23002 22001	Boulder north of Vaindlo Island
6	59°49,30	26°21,60	23002 22001	Boulder north of Vaindlo Island
7	59°40,76	25°41,98	28015 23005 22001	Boulder north of Purikarineen
8	59°42,09	25°01,10	25016 23005 22001	Rock north-west of Keri Island
9	59°36,40	24°30,55	25016 23006 22001	Boulder west of Pikasaare (Nais-saar Island)
10	59°23,40	24°02,43	28018 23006 23008 23010 22001 22002	Boulder north of Pakri lighthouse
11	59°18,28	23°21,69	25020 23008 23010 22002	Rock north-est of Osmussaar Island
12	59°05,28	22°51,82	28025 23009 23010 22002	Rock at Seigrahu
13	59°05,70	22°35,10	23009 23014 22002 22003	Point of Tahkunanina
14	58°56,80	22°03,40	25026 23009 23014 22002 22003	Rock 358°, 3,5 cables from Ristna lighthouse
15	58°56,50	22°02,70	25026 23014	Rock 288°, 8° 3,8 cables from Ristna lighthouse
16	58°56,40	22°02,60	25026 23016 22003	Rock 278°, 0° 4,3 cables from Ristna lighthouse
17	58°55,60	22°02,30	25026 23014 22003	Boulder 215°, 10,4 cables from Ristna lighthouse
18	58°55,30	22°03,00	25026 23014	Point 192,3° 11,4 cables from Ristan lighthouse

Point No.	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Chart No.	Remarks
19	58°53,60	22°08,20	25026 23014 22003	Rock 236,0° 24,4 cables from Kopu lighthouse
20	58°31,36	21°54,46	25028 23014 22003	Boulder north-west of the point of Undva
21	58°30,91	21°48,04	25028 23014 22003	Boulder north-west of the tip of Kiipsaarenukk
22	58°19,29	21°45,67	28028 25028	Boulder west of Nootamaa Island
23	58°19,26	21°45,67	28028 25028 23014 22003	Boulder west of Nootamaa Island
24	57°57,45	21°58,40	25029 23015 22003	Rock south of the point of Loodeneeme
25	57°53,28	22°02,45	25030 23015 22003	Southern Point of the Vestukimaa Islet
26	57°58,08	22°11,38	25031 23015 22003 22004	Rock south-west of the point of Kaavinina
27	58°09,07	22°49,01	25024 23015 22003 22004	Boulder south-east of Allirahu beacon
28	57°48,82	23°12,50	28040 23015 22004	Rock north-west of the Parsineeme (western shore Ruhnu Island)
29	57°48,19	23°12,27	28040	Rock
30	57°47,81	23°12,41	28040	Rock
31	57°47,26	23°13,03	28040	Rock west of the point of Homineem
32	57°47,13	23°13,62	28040	Boulder
33	57°46,72	23°15,73	28040 23012 22004	Rock
34	57°46,80	23°16,43	28040 23012 22004	Western jetty of the Port of Rinski
35	58°05,69	23°58,42	25037 23012 22004	Rock south of Kihnu lighthouse
36	57°52,48	24°21,47	23012 22004	Border between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia at the shore of the Bay of Riga.

ARTICLE 4

Internal sea is a maritime tract which lies between the normal baseline of territorial sea and the shoreline.

ARTICLE 5

Territorial sea is a maritime tract adjacent to the internal sea whose external boundary shall be determined by the present law. The coordinates of the boundary of the territorial sea are established in appendix 2.

ARTICLE 6

The breadth of the territorial sea shall be twelve nautical miles. Exceptions shall be made in the breadth of the territorial sea due to international conventions and agreements made with neighboring states.

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APPENDIX 2

The boundary of the territorial sea of the Republic of Estonia

(The sea border of Estonia)

Point No.	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Chart No.
1	59 34,17	28 05,87	25013 23002 22000
37	59 37,9	26 54,9	23002 22000 22001
38	59 56,3	26 26,4	23002 23004 22001
39	59 54,0	26 09,2	23004 23005 22001
40	59 48,9	26 01,3	223005 22001
41	59 49,6	25 34,7	23005 22001
42	59 42,2	24 28,9	23006 22001
43	59 34,6	23 57,2	23006 23008 22001 22001
44	59 28,9	23 31,3	23008 23010 22002
45	59 29,0	23 11,5	23008 23010 22002
46 ¹	59 28,2	23 08,6	23010 22002
47	59 27,4	23 06,5	23008 23010 22002

Point No.	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Chart No.
48	59 17,5	22 44,0	23009 23010 22002
49 ²	59 17,7	22 36,2	23009 23010 22002
50	59 16,2	22 23,9	23009 22002
51	59 ,14,7	22 18,5	23009 22002 22003
52	59 ,03,4	21 51,0	23009 22002 22003
53 ³	58 55,1	21 39,1	23014 22003
54	58 49,9	21 41,8	23014 22003
55 ⁴	58 41,3	21 36,4	23014 22003
56	58 32,2	21 25,3	23014 22003
57 ⁵	58 21,1	21 23,2	23014 22003
58	58 15,4	21 24,2	13015 13014 22003
59 ⁶	57 53,7	21 36,8	23015 22003
60	57 51,4	21 38,8	23015 22003
61	57 47,2	21 43,0	23015 22003
62	57 45,3	21 53,6	23015 22003
63	57 54,9	22 43,3	23015 22002 22004
64	57 35,0	23 11,0	23012 23015 22004
65 ⁷	57 35,2	23 22,1	23012 22004
66	57 37,5	23 30,6	2312 22004
67	57 49,2	23 56,6	23012 22004

Point No.	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Chart No.
68	57 48,7	23 57,3	23012 22004
69 ⁸	57 54,0	24 18,2	23012 22004

- ¹ Point 46 to be connected to point 47 by an arc with a radius of 12 nm from point 11, coordinates of which are 59°18,28' N 23°21,69' E.
- ² Point 49 to be connected to point 50 by an arc with a radius of 12 nm from point 13, coordinates of which are 59°05,70' N 22°35,10' E.
- ³ Point 53 to be connected to point 54 by an arc with a radius of 12 nm from point 17, coordinates of which are 58°55,60' N 22°02,30' E.
- ⁴ Point 55 to be connected to point 56 by an arc with a radius of 12 nm from point 21, coordinates of which are 58°30,91' N 21°48,04' E.
- ⁵ Point 57 to be connected to point 58 by an arc with a radius of 12 nm from point 23, coordinates of which are 58°19,26' N 21°45,67' E.
- ⁶ Point 59 to be connected to point 58 by an arc with a radius of 12 nm from point 23, coordinates of which are 58°57,45' N 21°58,40' E.
- ⁷ Point 65 to be connected to point 66 by an arc with a radius of 12 nm from point 34, coordinates of which are 57°46,80' N 23°16,43' E.
- ⁸ Point 69 to be connected by a straight line to point 36, coordinates of which are 57°52,48' N 24°21,47' E.

c. MARITIME BOUNDARIES

MARITIME BOUNDARY: ESTONIA - LATVIA

Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia on the Maritime Delimitation in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea (excerpts) (July 1996)

The Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia, hereafter referred to as the Parties, desiring to establish the maritime boundary between the two States in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea,

acknowledging the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and general principles of international law as a basis for such a maritime delimitation,

recalling the importance of ensuring freedom of navigation and overflight in each other's vessels and aircraft in accordance with international law,

wishing to contribute to stability in the Baltic Sea region in general, and in particular to stability in the area being delimited,

recalling the traditional cooperation between Parties in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea,

recognizing the obligation under international law of protecting the marine environment,

desiring to cooperate with each other in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and the Baltic Sea with regard to the conservation, exploration, and exploitation of living resources in accordance with the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, noting the Agreement between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia on the re-establishment of the State Border of 20 March 1992,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The maritime boundary between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia in the Gulf of Riga, the Strait of Irbe and in the Baltic Sea referred to in this Agreement is the maritime boundary with respect to the territorial seas, the exclusive economic zones, the continental shelf, and any other maritime zones which might be established by the contracting Parties in accordance with the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and principles of international law.

Article 2

The maritime boundary between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia in the Gulf of Riga and the Strait of Irbe consists of straight geodetic lines connecting the points with the following geographical coordinates:

POINT	LATITUDE N	LONGITUDE E
1	57° 52, 471'	24° 21, 406'
2	57° 55, 033'	24° 15, 667'
3	57° 53, 950'	24° 12, 567'
4	57° 53, 950'	23° 36, 067'
5	57° 46, 974'	23° 38, 910'
6	57° 40, 173'	23° 34, 940'
7	57° 35, 630'	23° 24, 361'
8	57° 35, 183'	23° 10, 850'
9	57° 42, 133'	22° 59, 950'
10	57° 46, 831'	22° 54, 461'
11	57° 56, 450'	22° 42, 450'
12	57° 55, 644'	22° 35, 016'
13	57° 46, 750'	22° 08, 600'
14	57° 44, 967'	21° 54, 967'
15	57° 45, 783'	21° 50, 567'

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Article 3

The maritime boundary between the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia continuing into the Baltic Sea from point # 15 defined in Article 2 as a straight geodetic line in the azimuth of 289° 19, 35' up to the boundary of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Kingdom of Sweden. The azimuth is defined by adding 90° to the azimuth at the median point of the straight geodetic line between the point at the Southern Rock of Cape Loode with geographical coordinates 57° 57, 4760' N; 21° 58, 2789' E and the point at Ovisi Lighthouse with geographical coordinates 57° 34, 1234' N; 21° 42, 9574' E.

The precise coordinates of point # 16 where this maritime boundary meets the boundary of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Kingdom of Sweden shall be determined by a trilateral agreement between the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Kingdom of Sweden.

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